GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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TRAIN FOR AIDS AWARENESS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to run Red Ribbon Express, a special train to spread awareness on AIDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The special train to spread awareness on AIDS will cover 180 stations and will traverse over 27,000 kms in one year. The Red Ribbon Express consists of 7 coaches which include 3 coaches with educational material display, one coach for orientation and sensitization of selected groups such as Panchayati Raj Institutions, Anganwari workers, self-help groups, youth and women. Counselling services will also be provided on the train. The train has outreach activities including cycle caravans and bus caravans to cover 50,000 villages.